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INFORMATION SHEET

PROPOSED 2007 SESSION LEGISLATION

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
MONTANA DISASTER & EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION

SB 70 - A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION; AND AMENDING SECTION 10-3-1204, MCA."

RECOMMENDATION

Approve this piece of housekeeping legislation amending the Montana Code Section 10-3-1204. The change will amend the State Emergency Response Commission membership to more clearly reflect the representation needed to carry out its duties.

BACKGROUND

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) is administratively tied to Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (MT DES). The SERC is responsible for overseeing the response to hazardous materials spills in Montana, guiding the development of the Intra-state mutual aid initiative and acting as an all-hazard advisory to MT DES. The members of the committee are appointed by the Governor. In an effort to ensure the commission was configured in the most appropriate manner to carry out its responsibilities, the membership reviewed the representation and approved the following adjustments:

1. Add a representative from the Department of Agriculture since Ag is the #1 industry in the State of Montana.
2. Correct the naming for Department of Public Health entities listed in the appointment schedule.
3. Add a representative from the Petroleum industry by nature of the hazard and its presence in the state.
4. Make sure the language is clear that at least one appointed member on the commission must be a local emergency planning committee representative.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.